

SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Lee County School District
 Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 2,162
 Superintendent: Dr. Cleo F. Richardson
 Board Chair: Ms. Sanya Moses

PERFORMANCE

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| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING | PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD | | ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM | |
|------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---|--------------------------|
| | | | General Performance | Closing the Gap | ESEA Grade | Accountability Indicator |
| 2013 | Below Average | Average | N/A | N/A | F | N/A |
| 2012 | Below Average | At-Risk | N/A | N/A | F | N/A |
| 2011 | At-Risk | Below Average | N/A | N/A | Not Met | CDI |

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

| EXCELLENT | GOOD | AVERAGE | BELOW AVERAGE | AT-RISK |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------|---------|
| 0 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 1 |

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 01/16/2014. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

| PASS | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| PASS | 2013 Reading | 2013 Math | 2013 Science | 2013 Social Studies | 2013 Writing |
| | % Met or above | % Met or above | % Met or above | % Met or above | % Met or above |
| District | 44.9% | 36.7% | 31.4% | 41.1% | 44.2% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 60.2% | 53.9% | 49.7% | 57.4% | 58.6% |
| Average District | 76.9% | 73.4% | 73.0% | 75.7% | 74.5% |

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | % Exemplary | % Exemplary | % Exemplary | % Exemplary | % Exemplary |
| District | 12.4% | 7.9% | 1.9% | 7.0% | 8.8% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 22.8% | 16.2% | 8.3% | 16.6% | 17.7% |
| Average District | 41.7% | 35.6% | 23.9% | 36.9% | 33.8% |

| HSAP | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| HSAP: 2nd Year Students | Passed 2 Subtests (%) | Passed 1 Subtest (%) | Passed No Subtests (%) |
| District | 46.0% | 28.0% | 26.0% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 64.0% | 19.3% | 16.7% |

| HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2013 (%) | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| District | 83.1% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 86.1% |

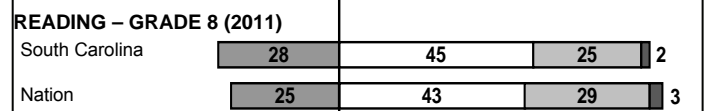
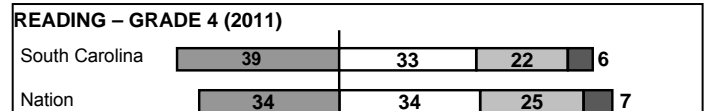
| End of Course Test Passage Rate (%) | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| District | 41.2% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 52.7% |

| On-Time Graduation Rate (%) | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| District | 76.3% |
| Districts with Students Like Ours** | 75.8% |

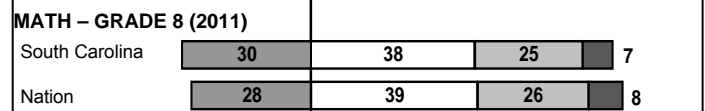
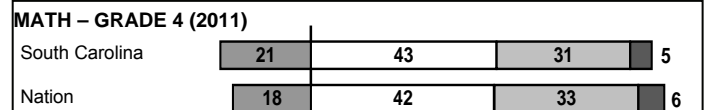
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NAEP*

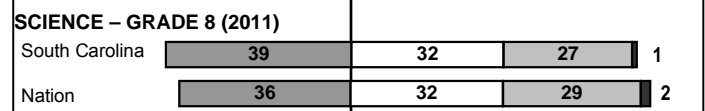
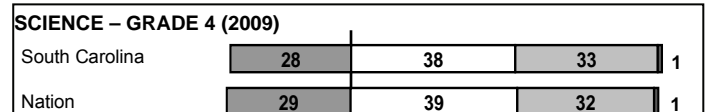
* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



% Below Basic | % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced
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SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

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Lee County School District

DISTRICT PROFILE

| | Our District | Change from Last Year | Districts with Students Like Ours | Median District |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Students (n=2,162) | | | | |
| Retention rate | 0.8% | Up from 0.4% | 2.5% | 1.9% |
| Attendance rate | 95.2% | Down from 95.7% | 95.8% | 95.8% |
| Served by gifted and talented program | 3.1% | N/A | 4.8% | 12.0% |
| With disabilities | 15.2% | N/A | 13.0% | 12.7% |
| Older than usual for grade | 4.5% | N/A | 6.5% | 4.8% |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 0.3% | Down from 0.8% | 0.7% | 0.7% |
| Enrolled in AP/IB programs | 10.7% | Down from 14.4% | 4.4% | 14.0% |
| Successful on AP/IB exams | N/A | N/A | 43.3% | 50.5% |
| Eligible for LIFE Scholarship | 25.8% | Up from 24.6% | 27.1% | 31.8% |
| Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs | 14 | Down from 53 | 16 | 50 |
| Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs | 14 | Down from 26 | 14 | 37 |
| Annual dropout rate | 1.2% | Down from 2.3% | 1.9% | 2.3% |
| Teachers (n=143) | | | | |
| Teachers with advanced degrees | 55.2% | Down from 56.0% | 59.5% | 61.4% |
| Continuing contract teachers | 68.5% | Up from 66.0% | 70.6% | 80.0% |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 73.6% | Down from 76.0% | 85.3% | 90.4% |
| Teacher attendance rate | 95.5% | Up from 87.2% | 95.5% | 94.8% |
| Average teacher salary* | \$42,520 | Up 3.6% | \$43,872 | \$47,587 |
| Vacancies for more than nine weeks | 5.6% | Up from 3.3% | 1.0% | 0.2% |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 13.9% | Down from 14.1% | 4.8% | 1.8% |
| Professional development days/teacher | 14.6 days | Down from 15.2 days | 9.7 days | 10.3 days |
| District | | | | |
| Superintendent's years at district | 5.0 | Up from 4.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 24.3 to 1 | Up from 20.8 to 1 | 20.9 to 1 | 22.2 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 89.2% | Up from 79.5% | 89.3% | 89.4% |
| Dollars spent per pupil** | \$9,505 | Down 7.4% | \$10,583 | \$9,101 |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries** | 44.0% | Down from 44.3% | 47.5% | 52.0% |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction** | 48.0% | Down from 49.2% | 51.0% | 56.0% |
| Opportunities in the arts | Excellent | Up from Good | Excellent | Excellent |
| Number of schools | 6 | No Change | 7 | 11 |
| Portable classrooms | 1.1% | Down from 2.0% | 1.1% | 0.9% |
| Number of schools with SACS accreditation | 6.0 | No Change | 6.0 | 10.0 |
| Parents attending conferences | 72.7% | Down from 96.7% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Average administrator salary | \$71,530 | Up 4.6% | \$73,903 | \$79,389 |
| Number of charter schools | 0 | No Change | 0 | 0 |
| ESEA composite index score | 33.8 | Down from 39.5 | 55.3 | 81.0 |

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

| | PASS | HSAP | End-of-Course Tests |
|--------------|------|------|---------------------|
| Passage Rate | N/A | N/A | N/A |

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

| School Name | Absolute Rating | Growth Rating | ESEA Grade |
|--|-----------------|---------------|------------|
| There are no charter schools in this district. | | | |

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Lee County School District has completed another successful year! Despite nearly \$6.0 million in state budget cuts over the last few years, our faculty and staff strive to deliver first-class educational services to all of our students.

The district's continued trend of improved student achievement is a testament to the hard work of our dedicated staff. An on time graduation rate that has been above the state rate three of the last four years including an "A" 83.9 percent in 2010 that placed the Lee County School District in ninth place among the 86 state school districts. During the 2011-12 school year Lower Lee Elementary received a Palmetto Gold Awards for improved student achievement and was the only school in the district to receive an "A" on the federal report card. Our fourth year of PASS testing was a success, with student improvements in the areas of ELA, math, and social studies. SAT scores continue to rise, especially in the area of critical reading.

The number of students participating in Advanced Placement (AP) courses shows growth. Technology in all buildings is being updated to provide opportunities for teachers to present engaging instruction in every classroom.

Our district emphasis on professional growth remains essential to our goal of not only having a highly qualified teacher, but also to have a highly effective teacher in every classroom who meets the needs of each student through rigorous and engaging instruction. We have had a strong focus this year on preparing our teachers to implement the Common Core Curriculum with extensive professional development opportunities both in the district and other training sites. We continue to build on strategies to recruit, retain and develop highly effective teachers, teacher leaders and administrators.

We will continue to work diligently to provide choices to every student in our district. The fine arts and athletic programs continue to be a great source of pride for the district and the community, culminating with the Lee Central High School Chorus annual performances and the Lee Central High School Football Team making it to the third round of the state playoffs for the first time in school history. Additional options at every level include the single-gender programs, a collaboration with Central Carolina Technical College offering dual credit courses, and efforts to offer expanded course opportunities at the Lee County Career and Technology Center to include Megatronics.

The district remains committed to maintaining great communication with all of our stakeholders in the Lee County community through one-on-one meetings, presentations, and district-wide events, including the Back-To-School Bash prior to the start of school each summer. Our district website and automated calling system continues to be effective tools in keeping our teachers, staff, parents, and students informed. While our teachers and staff play a critical role in the success of our district, we must have continued and expanded parent and community support! The schools and district cannot do it alone! The loss of approximately \$6.0 million of state funding in the Lee County School District over the last five years has forced us to make tough decisions in regard to our personnel and curriculum. However, we believe your continued support will help us overcome these economic challenges. Please feel free to contact me, district staff, principals, and other school leaders whenever you have questions or concerns.

Cleo Faith Richardson, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent

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